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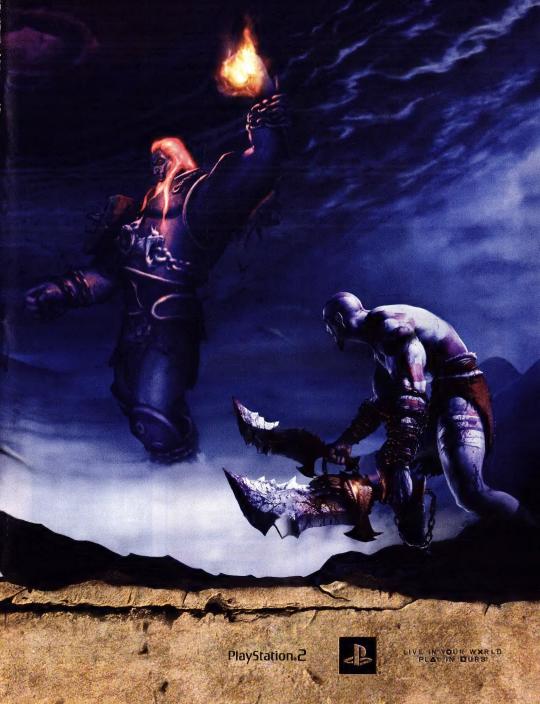
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In this guide, we also give you a peek behind the mysterious curtain of the Electronic Entertainment Expo and point out the most arresting titles from the show floor. The big news this year is that Microsoft's Xbox successor, the Xbox 360, is to be released this fall with Sony's PS3 to hit in the spring of 2006 and Nintendo's Revolution to appear in stores later next year, too. Be sure to take a look at our coverage of the three systems in this guide. And if you're looking for a classic title from the past, our Budget Titles section highlights the best games that the PlayStation 2 Greatest Hits, Xbox Platinum Hits, and GameCube Player's Choice have to offer. Many of these titles retail for \$20 or less.

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PSP

- ☐ Burnout Legends
- Death Jr.
- Grand Theft Auto:
- **Liberty City Stories**
- Midnight Club 3: DUB Edition
- SOCOM: U.S. Navy SEALs Fireteam Bravo
- □ Virtua Tennis: World Tour

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- □ I. Robot
- ☐ Kill Bill, Volume 1
- □ Napoleon Dynamite
- □ National Treasure
- Once Upon a Time in Mexico
- Open Water
- Pirates of the Caribbean
- □ Predator
- The Punisher
- Reign of Fire
- Resident Evil: Apocalypse
- □ Saw
- Spider-Man 2
- □ Super Troopers
- T2: Judgment Day
- TI XXX

- ☐ Burnout Revenge
- ☐ Castlevania: Curse of Darkness
- ☐ Destroy All Humans!
- □ Dragon Quest VIII: Journey of the Cursed King

- ☐ The Godfather The Game
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- Ultimate Destruction
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- ☐ The Warriors

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- Conker Live & Reloaded
- Delta Force: Black Hawk Down
- Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas
- Halo 2 Multiplayer Map Pack
- □ James Bond 007:
- From Russia with Love
- ☐ Medal of Honor: European Assault
- □ NASCAR 06
- D Ninia Gaiden: Black
- Peter Jackson's King Kong
- ☐ Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six: Lockdown

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- ☐ Battalion Wars
- Fire Emblem: Path of Radiance
- □ Geist
- Harvest Moon: **Another Wonderful Life**
- ☐ Mario Baseball
- Mario Party 7

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- Chicken Little
- □ Dragon Ball GT: Transformation
- ☐ Mario Golf: Advance Tour
- ☐ Yoshi Topsy-Turvy

NINTENDO DS

- ☐ Bomberman DS
- Castlevania: Dawn of Sorrow
- ☐ Kirby: Canvas Curse
- Need for Speed Underground 2
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- ☐ Trauma Center: Under the Knife

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- Dragon Ball Z: Budokai 3
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- ☐ Midnight Club II
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- □ Namco Museum
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- □ NBA Street Vol. 2
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- Rise to Honor
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- ☐ Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon: Jungle Storm

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- Counter-Strike
- Dance Dance Revolution Ultramix
- Dead to Rights
- The Elder Scrolls III: Morrowind
- Game of the Year Edition
- ☐ Full Spectrum Warrior □ Halo

- The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King
- □ Namco Museum
- ☐ Need for Speed Underground
- Project Gotham Racing 2
- Red Dead Revolver
- ☐ The Simpsons Hit & Run
- □ Sonic Heroes
- □ Sonic Mega Collection
- □ Soul Calibur II
- □ SpongeBob SquarePants: Battle for Rikini Rottom
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- Knights of the Old Republic
- ☐ Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell Pandora Tomorrow
- ☐ Tony Hawk's Underground

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- Animal Crossing
- Kirby Air Ride
- ☐ The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker
- Luigi's Mansion
- Mario Golf: Toadstool Tour
- ☐ Mario Party 4
- Metroid Prime
- Pokémon Colosseum
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- ☐ The Sims
- ☐ Sonic Adventure 2 Battle Sonic Mega Collection
- □ Soul Calibur II
- □ Spider-Man
- Super Mario Sunshine
- Super Monkey Ball 2 Super Smash Bros, Melee
- □ TimeSplitters



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XBOX 360

he new Xbox turned out to be the "next box" after all, but why call it Xbox 360? Microsoft says that when you think about circular things, you think about things that are fun. All right, so basketballs, steering wheels, DVDs, and pepperoni pizza come to mind...whatever, as long as the system makes games its center of attention.

Going with the Flow

The Xbox 360 sets the original Xbox's design on its ear. The new 'box literally represents a communion of cultures. Industrial design firms located at opposite ends of the Pacific sculpted It: Astro from San Francisco and Hers, based in Osaka, Japan, were actually competitors, each bidding for the new Xbox contract. The two companies discovered that they had complementary visions for the new game system's design.

This Microsoft console definitely exudes something the original never had—style!
The distinctly East-meets-West design veers dramatically away from its predecessor and couldn't look more different than the original black box. The body is noticeably concave and easily stackable. At 83 mm (W) by 258 mm (H) by 309 mm (L), the 360 is slimmer than the Xbox with a more compact overall footprint. The body color is light cream (not unlike that of the Dreamcast) with cool chrome accents, such as the facing edge of the DV tray. The façade is neat and spare, and in the future, you'll be able to add custom faceplates.

On the Outside

The console features two memory-card slots set in the face (like the PS2 and GameCube), and there are no controller ports because the 360 will support four wireless RF controllers. Also mounted in the front will be two USB ports. Among other potential input possibilities, these can be used to connect cables to the controllers if you prefer the security of playing that way.

A detachable 20 GB mini hard drive nestles almost seamlessly into a slot along the side of the unit. The design is such that you would hardly notice the drive unless it was pointed out to you. According to Microsoft, the hard drive is detachable so that gamers can transport game data to other Xbox 360s. Don't rule out future upgrades for the hard drive either.

The Next Box

Of course, the 360 has more than good looks going for it. This system is ready to burn!

The hardware is impressive and packed with more power than in any other console ever. Compared to the Xbox's Intel Pentium III running at 733 MHz, the 360's custom IBM PowerPC-based CPU has three symmetrical cores each running at 3.2 GHz—this is fast! And the 360 will haut data with a massive 512 MB of RAM, which makes the Xbox's once-meaty 64 MB seem downright emaciated by comparison.

Furthermore, the 500 MHz graphics processor, which was customdesigned by ATI and Microsoft, packs its own 10 MB of embedded DRAM. The specs of the 360's graphics processing unit (GPU) are pretty well



A 20 GB hard drive attaches inconspicuously to the 360's side.

documented by now, so for the purposes of this article, all you need to realize is that Microsoft is claiming that the 360 is two generations ahead of ATI's best PC graphics card.

Disc-Based Entertainment

The Xbox 360 is also going to play just about anything you throw at it. Although its DVD is a 12X unit similar to that in the original Xbox, it can still handle a bunch of formats, including the usual suspects: DVD-video, DVD-ROM, DVD-R/RW, DVD+ R/RW, CD-ROM, MP3 CD, and JPEG Photo CD.

Also, if you use the Xbox for a DVD movie player, you'll like the fact that the 360 doesn't require a remote control accessory for movie playback. Moreover, it has a built-in progressive scan as well as HD game support (as in the previous Xbox).

Xbox Full Circle

Microsoft has done its homework, and now the company is going for it. The Xbox 360 is a mesmerizing plece of technology that feels like fun even before you fire it up. The fall launch approaches, and it looks like the Xbox is here to play.

The Xbox 360 controller is the same size as the current Controller S and features a similar button and analog stick layout. However, there are now four triggers (called Bumpers), two of which replace the functionality of the original's Black and White buttons. The Xbox logg (the last vestige of the green Xbox logg) is functional, too, as an LED that indicates which numbered player you are in multiplayer matches.

	Xbox	Xbox 360
CPU ?	Intel 733 MHz Pentium III; one hardware thread	Custom-designed IBM PowerPC-based CPU with three symmetrical cores running at 3.2 GHz each; two hardware threads per core and six hardware threads total
Graphics Processor	233 MHz custom- designed chip developed by Microsoft and nVidia	500 MHz custom-designed chip developed by Microsoft and ATI
Total Memory	64 MB	512 MB
Built-In Hard Drive	Yes	Detachable, upgradeable hard disk
1/0	Four game controllers Ethernet (10/100)	Four wireless game controllers Three USB 2.0 ports Two memory unit slots
Audio Channels	256	More than 256
3D Audio Support In Hardware	Yes	Yes
Dolby® Digital 5.1 Surround Sound	Yes	Yes
Parental Control	Yes	Yes
Broadband Enabled	Yes	Yes, optimized for online: - Instant, free access to Xbox Live - Built-in Ethernet port - Wi-Fi ready: 802.11 a, b, and g - Video-camera ready
DVD Movie Playback	Remote control accessory required	Yes; built-in progressive scan
HDTV Game Support	Yes	Yes
Maximum Resolution	1920x1080	1920x1080
U.S. Launch Date	November 2001	Fall 2005

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PlayStation 3

Slated for a 2006 release, the PlayStation 3 will feature a PowerPC-based core running at 3.2 GHz, 256 MB of XDR RAM at 3.2 GHz, 256 MB GDDR3 VRAM at 700 MHz, Bluetooth wireless controllers, built-in Wi-Fi (802.11b/g), and RSX, a state-of-the-art next-gen GPU by Nvidia with a clock speed of 550 MHz. As with the Xbox 360, the GPU will be able to freely access the 512 MB of RAM. And in continuing the PlayStation tradition, the console will be backward compatible,

meaning you can play all your favorite PlayStation and PlayStation 2 games. What will really set the PS3 apart from other consoles is its lighting and shadow effects. Game demos like Fight Night Round 3 have implemented other graphicshog effects like soft shadows (where shadow edges look blurry at a distance). And like the 360, the PS3 will also feature bloom effects, light flooding, and bump mapping. While each effect in and of itself is subtle, when they're all combined the added ambiance is already noticeably improved from what's seen in top-end PC graphics. Killzone on the PS3, for instance, is a true eye-opener and undoubtedly the most beautiful-looking FPS game to date...and it makes games like Quake III and Half-Life 2 pale in comparison.











Killzone Sony

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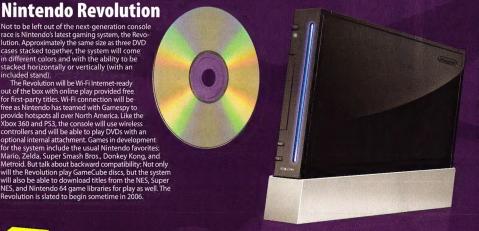
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NINTENDO REVOLUTION

Not to be left out of the next-generation console race is Nintendo's latest gaming system, the Revolution. Approximately the same size as three DVD cases stacked together, the system will come in different colors and with the ability to be stacked horizontally or vertically (with an included stand).

The Revolution will be Wi-Fi Internet-ready out of the box with online play provided free for first-party titles. Wi-Fi connection will be free as Nintendo has teamed with Gamespy to provide hotspots all over North America. Like the Xbox 360 and PS3, the console will use wireless controllers and will be able to play DVDs with an optional internal attachment. Games in development for the system include the usual Nintendo favorites: Mario, Zelda, Super Smash Bros., Donkey Kong, and Metroid. But talk about backward compatibility: Not only will the Revolution play GameCube discs, but the system will also be able to download titles from the NES, Super NES, and Nintendo 64 game libraries for play as well. The Revolution is slated to begin sometime in 2006.





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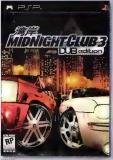
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DEAD TO RIGHTS

It seems like the launch was only yesterday, but already Sony's portable is gaining momentum. The first round of games was predictable—now it's time to see if the real titles will make or break the PSP.

Enough of the standard racing — Gran Turismo 4 Mobile was on the show

floor. Eldos maxed out brain cells with the puzzler Smart Bomb, while Konami tested trigger fingers with Coded Arms. Old standbys didn't have a problem either: Rockstar Games gave us a glimpse of Grand Theft Auto: Liberty City Stories, and Agetec showed us why it's still the mech king with Armored Core: Formula Front, For an urban warfare experience, Namco gave us a taste of its rogue cop in Dead to Rights -a console franchise gone portable.





FIGHTING AND MORE

Here's some good news for fighting fans: Street Fighter Alpha 3 is coming to the PSP courtesy of Capcom as is a version of everyone's favorite cel-shaded hero, **Viewtiful Joe**. Speaking of heroes, one of Konami's most popular characters, **Frogger**, is getting his own handheld adventure, and Konami strikes again with the hit role-playing game Ys: The Ark of Napishtim. Feel like gambling? Then 2K Games' World Poker Tour 2K6 is your game. If you crave a sports title, then check out Gretzky



NHL 2006—it's the next best thing to hitting the ice yourself. The PSP also has a healthy share of action titles in the works, including The Con, MediEvil Resurrection, and other adventures to get your adrenaline pumping and your fingers moving.





















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VI-GO

Digital Innovations presents a one-step solution to all your PSP's multimedia needs with an easy-to-use video recorder/player, photo viewer, and MP3 playback system. Record any digital video onto memory sticks with files already formatted for instant access on your PSP. Plus, it comes with a remote control. Small and easily portable, the VI-GO may also be attached to PCs for file transfer and access.

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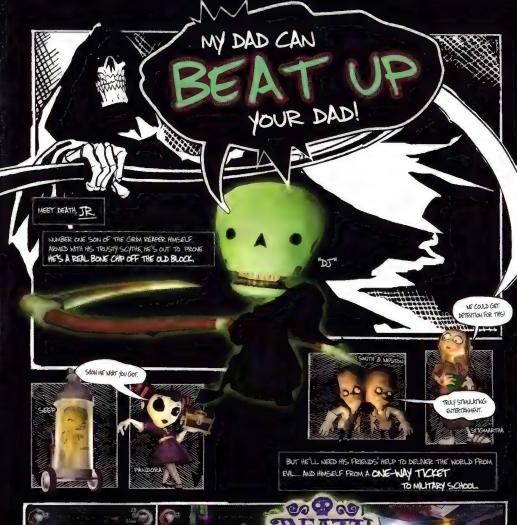
Stereo Station +

The ultimate desktop accessory for the PSP, the Stereo Station + provides clean stereo sound for PSP games, music, and movies. Whenever the PSP unit is locked onto the adjustable cradle, the Stereo Station + will

recharge the unit's internal battery.
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A fraction of its former size, the slimmer, sexier new PS2 supports the largest software library of the current consoles, including today's hottest titles—from Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas to Gran Turismo 4 to Madden NFL 06—as well as hundreds of low-priced PlayStation classics. Sony's must-buy black box also plays the DVD movies and CD music you already own, and is equipped with an integrated Ethernet and modem port for out-of-the-box online play.



Based on the cult 1979 movie, The Warriors puts you in charge of the famed gang as you try to return to your home turf. Available October





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PlayStation 2





Demon-controlling henchmen Hector and Isaac duel in the wake of the Count's death. Available November

PlayStation 2





Dragon Quest VIII is a huge hit in Japan, and Journey of the Cursed King hopes to bring the series' acclaimed traits to American gamers. Available November

PlayStation。2

Prepare yourself for weapontoting aliens that pick Earth as their next playground. Available now



Marvel's green Goliath plays catch with cars and smashes through entire cities with a hulking 150 moves. Available August

GAMEPRO SAYS:



Destroy All Humans! A campy combination of go-anywhere, Grand Theft Auto-style gameplay, sinister green men, stupid suburban earthlings. death rays, disintegration rays, and hilari-

ous storytelling.



Burnout Revenge

One of the favorites of the racing circuit, Burnout exacts revenge with a host of new play modes and intense graphical effects. Some of the new modes include: Traffic Attack, Grudge Match, Built to Battle, Car Chases, and much more.

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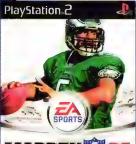




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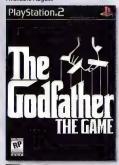








The Gridiron Great's '06 season shines for on-field generals. For the first time in 10 years, the Madden NFL Football franchise is revolutionizing its passing game—QB Vision Control lets you scan the field and look off defenders; QB Precision Placement allows you to put the ball exactly where you want it. NFL Superstar mode-in which you manage a player in and out of the stadium, signing contracts, conducting interviews, and recording commercial spots—takes the fun 10 yards further. Available August



EA's offer you can't refuse: free-roaming, GTA-style gameplay meets The Godfather. Available October



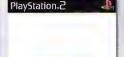




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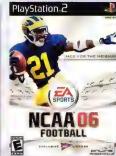


Mortal combatants Liu Kang and Kung Lao battle Shao Kahn's most vicious minions in this beautiful and brutal action/adventure, Available September Mature





Sony's clandestine SEAL squad blows its cover with all-new, all-terrain backup (i.e., Humvees and tanks). Available September



Your race for the Heisman starts with year-round recruiting and adjusted analog control for ankle-snapping jukes. Available July



Blade-based martial artistry returns with all-out createa-character features, new brawlers, and breakable walls and floors. Available October

GAMEPRO SAYS:



The Godfather:

The greatest mafia movie of all time gets the game treatment: Carry out orders, earn Corleone's respect, and rise through the ranks of America's most infamous criminal family organization.



SOCOM 3 sports a series of refinements over its predecessor, including tweaked analog aiming. But the most exciting innovation is the weapon-customization mode, which lets you swap out multiple modifications.

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With the largest installed base, the PlayStation 2 is the oldest of the current gaming systems, and it continues to show its resiliency as the console machine "that could." At the Electronic Entertainment Expo, one of the underlining themes was: Don't count out the PS2 just yet.

tried and true

Sony led the charge with familiar names that predictably did well on the show floor. Military firstperson shooting continued as SOCOM 3: U.S. Navy SEALs soaked up most of the attention. Following close behind were the further adventures of Ratchet and Clank in Ratchet: Deadlocked. The other whimsical duo, Jak and Daxter, returned, too, but not as an adventure. Instead, in Jak X you jump behind the wheel and compete in crazy off-road driving. Thievery continued to run rampant when the band of animal robbers again appeared in Sly 3: Honor Among Thieves. Other publishers knew they had hit series on their hands, too. Burnout Revenge was a no-brainer as was Onimusha: Dawn of Dreams, For Square Enix, Dragon Quest VIII, Kingdom Hearts II, and Full Metal Alchemist 2: Curse of the Crimson Elixir should hold you off until Final Fantasy XII is finally released. Not enough RPGs for you? Namco picked up the next Arc the Lad game, Sega unveiled Shining Force Neo and Dragon Force, and the fab mutants have returned in Activision's X-Men Legends 2. Talking about Marvel, EA showed off its new fighter, Marvel Nemesis: Rise of the Imperfects,

a group melee-type brawler. But true fight fans...er, marveled at Soul Calibur III.



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A take on colorful street life was accentuated when Atari finally unveiled Marc Ecko's Getting Up: Contents Under Pressure, while Midway recruited talent Snoop Dogg for Fear & Respect. Shading into the darker style of gameplay was a theme for Sega's venerable cutesy mascot Sonic in Shadow the Hedgehog. And EA had a head turner in the shooting genre with Black. Evil was back with the bloodsucker prince in Castlevania: Curse of Darkness...and despite EA's stranglehold on the official football league license, Midway is continuing its hard-hitting pigskin fest with Biltz: The League.

Miscellaneous titles

The fighting world is getting a brutal twist with Capcom's Final Fight Streetwise, a 3D update on the classic 2D fighting game, while Resident Evil 4 will bring all the chills and scares of the GameCube version to the PlayStation 2 console this winter. If you're into dancing and performing titles, Konami will have the goods with numerous music games, such as Dance Dance Revolution Extreme 2, Karaoke Revolution Party, and the new Beatmania, where you use an actual turntable peripheral to make your own music. For younger players, the company's Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 3: Mutant Nightmare will be the latest game to feature everyone's favorite turtle team, locked in yet another deathmatch with their arch nemesis, Shredder. If you crave a more deliberately paced adventure, you should check out Sony's Shadow of the Colossus, an action game where you must defeat and then control lumbering behemoths—all in the name of resurrecting your dead loved one. And for you gamblers out there, Namco's ready to challenge your skills with World Championship Poker 2: Featuring Howard Lederer coming this fall





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The Xbox is the obvious choice for gamers who want to take their skills online. Microsoft's robust Xbox Live service (a subscription is required) keeps tabs on all your friends, shows you what games they're playing, and lets you voice chat over the Live headset. With a stable of big-name exclusives like Halo 2, Jade Empire, and Ninja Gaiden, and serious horsepower under the hood, the Xbox holds its own.

XOOX



Follow members of the famed American First Infantry Division as they slug it out. Available October



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Classic Bond from the Sean Connery era gets the modern third-person action treatment. Available November



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Which side of the law will you be on in this grown-up game of cops and robbers? Available August Mature





Don't be fooled by the cartoon squirrel—Conker is a foul-mouthed, movie-spoofing misanthrope who's too hung-over for this adventure. Available now Mature

GAMEPRO SAYS:



Live & Reloaded

Conker is the rarest of beasts, and this game is truly funny—if an opera-singing mountain of human waste is your idea of a great gag, that is.



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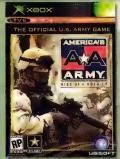


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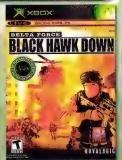




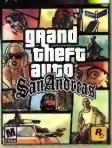
Believe it—the great big mother of all multiplayer games gets better yet. Halo 2 Multiplayer Map Pack adds an astonishing nine new arenas to the best-seller's competitive component. You can wage big battles with turrets, tanks, and airborne Banshees in never-before-seen settings as well as a few reworked riffs in stages from the first Halo (via Xbox Live, System Link, or split-screen). A documentary video with interviews, strategies, and map walkthroughs from developer. Bungie Studios completes the package. Available July Making



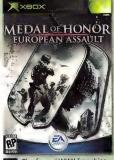
Shockingly authentic infantry-tactics simulation lights up Xbox Live with U.S. Army approval. Available August



Shoot it out with fanatical Somali militias (single-player campaign) or wage 50-player, firstperson war online. Available July



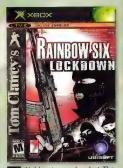
The Richter-rocking PS2 hit shakes up the Xbox with improved performance and player-created soundtracks. Available now Mature



The famed WWII franchise returns to its roots: thwarting Nazis on Eastern and Western fronts. Available now



Ryu Hayabusa returns to the Xbox for another exclusive adventure filled with hidden features. Available November



Hold on to your headset: The Xbox's sharpest-shooting squad suits up to tackle a new terrorist threat. Available September Mature

GAMEPRO SAYS:



Medal of Honor: European Assault

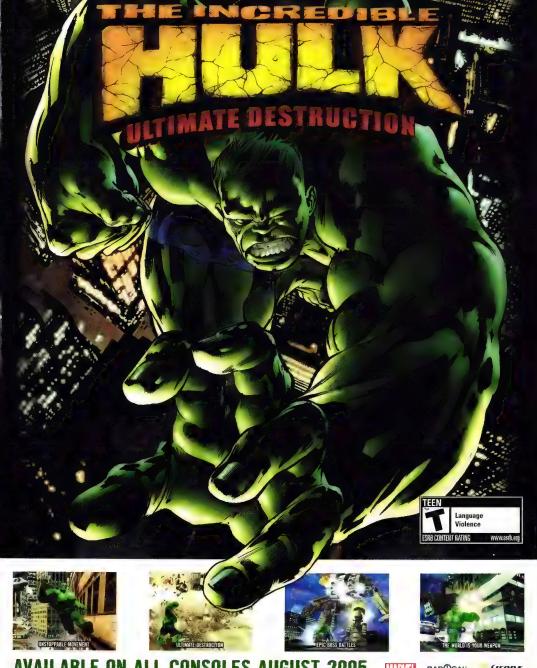
As an 0.5.5. officer, you command a squad of three men in four campaigns based on actual World War II battles. Get ready for a tough fight as European Assault has a 360-degree play area, tough enemy A.I., and an absence of save points.



Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six: Lockdown

New to this installment in the tactical, antiterrorism series are persistent online personas and the power to form communities with fellow commandos. Hooah!

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Is Microsoft jumping ahead too quickly? It may seem that way with the arrival of the Xbox 360 later this year despite the fact that the first Xbox is still going strong There's still plenty of power under the hood that has yet to be fully realized, and developers are finding new programming tricks every day.

WARMONGERING ON THE BOX

Nothing looks better than bullets flying on the Xbox. The battles of realistic military campaigns continued with THQ's Full Spectrum Warrior: Ten Hammers. The U.S. Army promoted its acclaimed America's Army, which already has a solid fan base on the PC. World War II fans were ecstatic when they saw the brand-new Call of Outy game—Call of Duty 2:



for its steroid-injected cars.





Big Red One—as well as Medal of Honor: European. Assault, Eidos relied on Commandos Strike Force for the armchair war strategist, while campers rejoiced in Namco's Sniper Elite. But for those who tired from humanity's need to destroy each other, THQ invited them to Destroy All Humans! with a race of creative aliens.

Show us already

Ubisoft showed Far Cry Instincts-finally. Along that same line, Microsoft unveiled more rambunctious shooting with Conker: Live & Reloaded. A hint of Lionhead's epic sequel Fable; Sacred Realms was viewable, too. THQ showcased Juiced, appropriately named

OTHER TITLES SLATED FOR RELEASE

If you're ready for a gamble, Namco's Payout Poker and Casino will hit this fall. Did someone say Turtles? Fresh from Battle Nexus is Konami's Teenage Mucant Ninja Turtles 3: Mutant Nightmare with more than 50 stages-30 in main and 20 in battle mode—to test your Turtle skills. Also from Konami: Dance Dance Revolution Ultramix 3. Due out this fall, the game is another entry in the popular dance franchise and will include more songs and a host of additional multiplayer modes, too. If you're looking for decent movie-based games, then look for Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas: Oogie's Revenge or The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe from Buena Vista. If you're in the mood for something grittier, though, be sure to tune in to 50 Cent: Bulletproof, a violent action title starring the famed rapper. If you desire something with atmospheric flair, Ubisoft's Prince of Persia 3 is just what the doctor ordered. Then, of course, there is the return of Lara Croft in Lara Croft Tomb

Raider: Legend, the latest game to star the sexy explorer, and the assassin Agent 47 finds the hitman world turned against him in Hitman: Blood Money.



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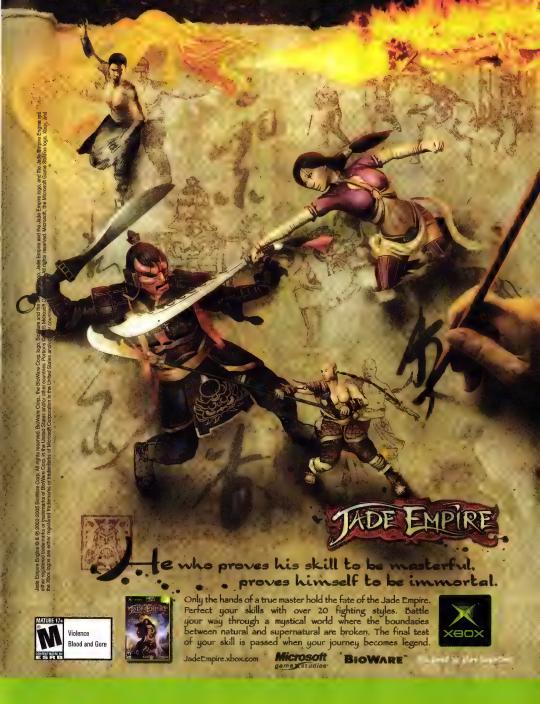


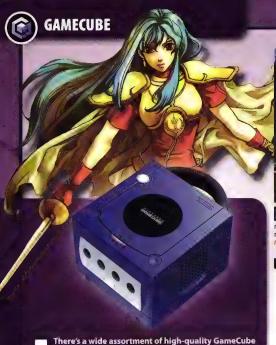












There's a wide assortment of high-quality GameCube games for all ages. In addition to third-party heavy hitters like Madden and Tony Hawk (also available on Sony and Microsoft's hardware), Nintendo's powerful machine is the only place to play platform exclusives like Metroid, Pokémon, Mario, and Zelda. Plus, its four controller ports and compact design, complete with carrying handle, make it ideal for impromptu parties.



A ghostly hero hijacks the bodies of other beings and manipulates their physical and mental powers. Available August Mature



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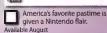






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Mario Party 7

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Perennial favorite Nintendo has a strong lineup of titles for release in the coming months-first and third party. From Zelda to Fire Emblem to Mario, here are some titles that were on display.

IT'S THE FIRST PARTY

is the sequel to fun monkey rhythm, Donkey 2. Nintendo also showed a lot more of its spooky thriller, Geist, and the visually impressive Battalion Wars. The company's penchant for baseball was evident with Pennant Chase Baseball, too. And we got to see the long-awaited and the mysterious strategy game Odama





GEIST MINTENDO

MIX AND MATCH

Movie-based games are still all the rage. Ubisoft introduced Peter Jackson's King Kong and Global Star sweetened our desires with Charlie d the Chocolate Factory. Years, not months, have passed, but Blizzard's StarCraft: Ghost and Capcom's Killer 7 are finally close to completion. Vivendi Universal revealed Bruce Banner's new adventure, The incredible Hulk: Ultimate Destruction. Natsume slowed down the pace a bit with more farming techniques in Harvest Moon: Another Wonderful Life. And dot-eating adventures continued when Namco revealed Pac-Man World



BATTALION WARS NINTENDO

MARIO AND MORE

The GameCube may be running third in the console race, but that doesn't mean the system lacks an awesome arsenal of titles. Dance Dance Revolution: Mario Mix is a spin on Konami's DDR games starring the famed plumber. Speaking of rhythm, Donkey Konga 2 is in the works, as is Super Mario Strikers, a new soccer game starring the classic Nintendo characters. For licensed properties, gamers can look forward to Hello Kitty: Roller Rescue, The Incredibles: Rise of the Underminer, Scooby-Doo! Unmasked, SpongeBob SquarePants '05: Lights, Camera, Pants, and Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire. And if you crave racing, then don't miss Crash: Tag Team Racing, the latest game to feature the wacky bandicoot behind the wheel on the racing track.







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Ideal for casual gamers and expert enthusiasts alike, the Game Boy Advance SP fits comfortably in your pocket thanks to its compact design and collapsible casing. Sure, it's less powerful than Sony's PSP, but it sells for a fraction of the price, sports a long-lasting built-in battery, and features an encyclopedic game library encompassing every genre. GameCube owners get an even bigger bonus: A special link cable (sold separately) lets you exchange data and unlock secret characters, items, and levels.



Tee up for some role-playing golf in a goofball world where everything revolves around the perfect game. Available now



Twist Topsy-Turvy's motionsensing cartridge to turn the Nintendo dino's world upside down. Available now

Nintendo's classic Donkey Kong Country series is getting a third entry with Donkey Kong Country 3, a game that puts you in the furry feet of Dixie and Kiddie Kong who are on a mission to rescue Diddy and Donkey. Dynasty Warriors Advance will allow you to control one of 13 warriors in their quest to conquer lands and build an empire.

UCENSED MADNESS

For licensed properties, the Game Boy Advance is bursting at the seams with such titles as Distuy's Magical Quest 3 Starring Mickey & Donald, Madagascar, Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith, Shrek's Super Slam, Herbie Fully Loaded, and Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas The Pumpkin King. Mega Man fans will have three reasons to celebrate as Mega Man Battle: Network 5 Team Protoman/Colonel and Megaman Zero 4 should hit shelves soon. And if you crave a straight action title, Metal Slug 1 Super Vehicle is the latest handheld adaptation of the classic side scrolling action/shooter that was made famous in the arcades.



























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Innovation is the order of the day with Nintendo's quirkycool DS. Get your one-of-a-kind game on by rubbing, scribbling, blowing, and speaking—dual 3-inch displays, touchscreen technology, and a built-in microphone port make it possible, while pack-in PictoChat software gives you the power to draw, write, and send messages wirelessly. In addition to 3Drendered new releases like Mario Kart and Animal Crossing, the DS also plays all your favorite Game Boy Advance games.



Paint paths to steer pink puffball Kirby through picturesque puzzles. Who says games aren't art? Available now



Join Soma Cruz as he once again sets out to destroy the horrors of Dracula. Available October



Steer clear of the wireless four-player competition with stylus-controlled, nitrous-burning boosts. Available now



You play a surgeon who saves lives by using the Nintendo DS stylus as a scalpel. Can you work under pressure? Available November



Blow the daylights out of eight competitors in Bomberman's explosive multiplayer matches. Available now



Raise and train your own virtual pet with a variety of touch-screen and voice-activated commands. Available August

GAMEPRO SAYS:



Shout your way to victory: Perennial fav Bomberman's frantic eight-player matches and voice-recognition technology take advantage of the DS's built-in microphone.



Dawn of Sorrow

Dawn of Sorrow features a gigantic castle filled with secret rooms, monsters, and screen-filling bosses. Once you defeat a bass, use the stylus on the touch-screen to seal it away forever.

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More and more companies are taking advantage of the DS's touch-screen and built-in microphone, innovative technologies that only a company like Nintendo can create.

Nintendo's classic headliners made an appearance at the show. The New ario Kart OS, and Animal Crossing DS will predictably have an easy time finding a home. The demo whetted our appetite, so it was only natural to see more of Metroid Primer Hunters. And will Plintengs be the next Tamagatchi? Konami showed strong support with versions of Castlevania and Frogger, along with newcomers Dragon Booster and Lost in Blue. And Atlus tried to attract a younger audience with Snowboard Kida.



HEAVY GAMBLE

World Championship Poker: Deluxe Series will let you raise the stakes this fall. For an excellent simulator, look no further than the eagerly awaited DS version of the PC-smash s 2. For more realistic scenarios, you can't afford to miss Pho a game in which you try to solve a mystery in a courtroom. If you crave combat,

rike is an excellent combination of strategy and action. Or if you just crave action, then don't miss Viewtiful J also gets a decent shot in the arm with Touch G The sports genre 6. Licensed properties are also in abundance on the

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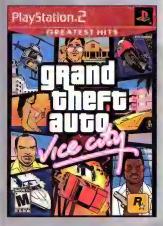






PlayStation 2 Greatest Hits

PlayStation 2 Greatest Hits titles offer premium entertainment for \$19.99. From racing to action to role-playing, there's sure to be a title with the trademark red banner in this selection to satisfy any gamer.

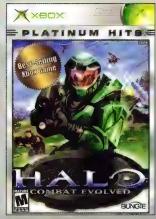


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- ☐ Sonic Mega Collection
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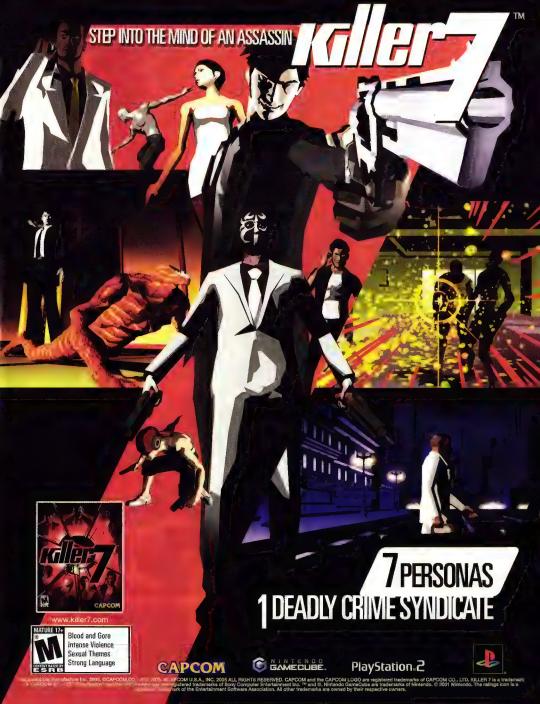
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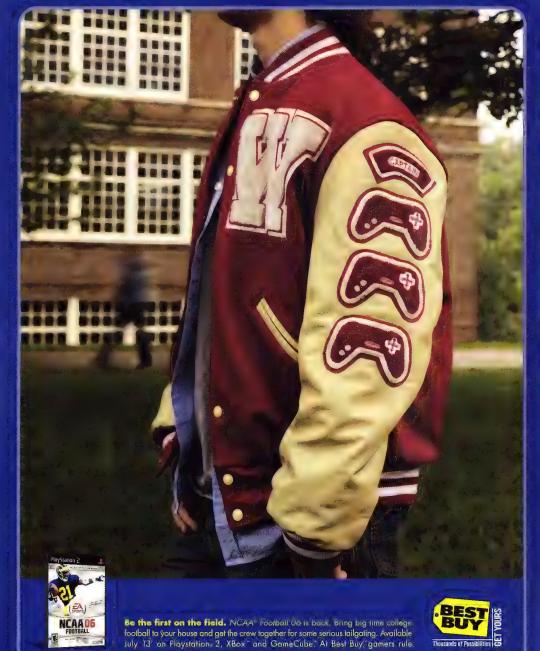


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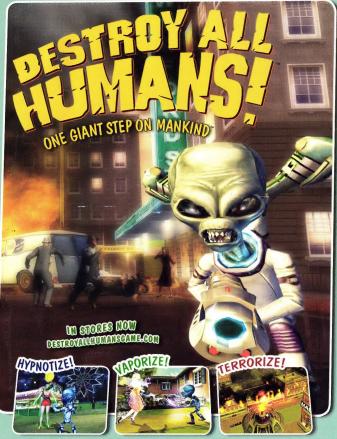






















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